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MODERN HOMEOPATHY.

A Review of its History and Present Condition

HISTORY.

Homeopathy is not a new thing. In the Sanscrit poem of Sringara Tilaka, B. C. 56, Kalidara refers to the principle. Hippocrates alluded to it in clear and decided words. Shakespeare, in Henry III Part 2, Act 1, Sc. 1, indicates that the theory held a prominent place in the Elizabethan era.

In its present form Homeopathy owes much to that greatest of the clinical observers of his age, Samuel Hahneman. Through many years of severe hardship he investigated and studied this dual action of drugs, until in Hufeland's Journal in 1796, he was able to give to the world a Theory of Therapeutics which his own clinical experience convinced him to be the true and rational method of curing diseased conditions. The writings of Hahneman form the foundation from which has risen, with amazing rapidity, the modern system of therapeutics known as Homeopathy. Hahneman was the founder of Homeopathy, but the Homeopathy of to-day is a vastly greater, grander, more complete and different system from the Homeopathy as set forth in his writings. At the present day Homeopathic practitioners exist in every part of the civilized world. Some of our best original work comes from Russia, France, Spain, India and Brazil. At present the Homeopathic journals of this continent rival in number, scientific information, original work and in circulation, those of the Dominant or so-called "Regular" School. (A greater misnomer cannot be imagined, for no two "Regular" text-books, no two "Regular" men agree on the treatment of a given case. While,

for a diseased condition presenting similar symptoms, the Homeopathic physician, no matter where found, if he knows his work, prescribes the same drugs. Homeopathy is *the* Regular System.) In the United States, a good proportion of the state hospitals and asylums are under Homeopathic treatment. In New York City the second largest hospital maintained by the civic authorities is the Metropolitan, a Homeopathic institution whose total accommodation will reach 1,300 beds. The catalogue of Homeopathic books runs into the thousands, and every week new books of great scientific value issue from the Homeopathic publishing houses.

DEFINITION OF HOMEOPATHY.

1. The materia medica of Homeopathy consists of the complete record, physiological, pathological and symptomatic, of the action of drugs upon the healthy organism.

2. If a diseased condition (not resulting from the ill effects of drugs), presents similar symptoms to any drug, so proved, that drug in the minimum effective dose will remove that diseased condition.

3. (Not) "Let the *Same* be cured by the *Same*."
(But) "Let *Likes* be cured by *Likes*.

THEORY OF DRUG ACTION.

We do not know all drugs: we cannot read all pathological symptoms. When we are perfect in these, Homeopathy will cure invariably and people will only die from old age or accident.

All drugs so far effectively proved have these actions: 1. Primary or Physiological. 2. Secondary or Curative. Calomel in gr. x — xv produces marked symptoms, mainly on the gastro-intestinal tract. Take two of these, cramp and diarrhœa. The effect of the dose continues 4 to 6 hours. Then, as the drug

is leaving the system by the bowels and kidneys, and only a small quantity remains, mark the opposite result. The diarrhœa gives place to obstinate constipation, the colic to the calm of an opiate.

If this result were only the stunning result of the powerful drug causing muscular exhaustion, this muscular exhaustion would pass away in a few hours, as in the case of other muscles. This result however lasts for days, and our clinical experience convinces us that this secondary effect is a true Secondary Action coming from the minimum effective dose. We have, time and time again stopped a diarrhœa like to that of mercury (but from chill), with mercurins 6 x, when m xxx of tr. opii in the hands of a Dominant School physician had failed.

QUESTION OF DOSE.

The object is to find the largest amount of the drug that will obtain the Secondary Action and avoid the Primary. This has been learned by experience. An illustration will be clearest. A man comes to us presenting symptoms almost identical with those of mercury in large doses. We ask him if he has taken mercury. If he answers in the affirmative we put aside Homeopathy and become simply mechanic or chemist, with a poison to antidote. This we do mechanically or chemically as the case most calls for. If, on the other hand, he assures us that he has taken no mercury, but is suffering from the results of cold or imperfect digestion, we proceed on our principle.

Mercury is evidently his drug, but what dose will produce the Secondary and avoid the Primary Action? We try 1 x or gr 1-10, one tablet every hour. Next morning he reports that the drug made his diarrhœa worse, but on stopping it the diarrhœa got gradually better and is now gone. We learn that

this dose still causes the physiological or Primary Action, which we do not want.

Our next patient gets the 2x or gr 1-100. But his report next day shows still some physiological or Primary Action present in these doses of the drug. So to our next similar case we give the 3x or gr 1-1000.

His report the next day tells us the story an efficient Homeopath hears so often: "Doctor that medicine worked like a charm, and I was relieved after the first dose."

We have found the maximum dose of this drug that will give to us its Secondary Action only, and avoid the Physiological or Primary.

In the foregoing lies the reply to the idiotic argument, advanced by men with professional dignity upon their shoulders, that they can swallow a two drachm bottle of the drug without the least physiological effect. Certainly what has been with the greatest pains, removed from the drug cannot be found in it — Physiological Action.

A properly prepared Homeopathic drug is made to remove a certain group of symptoms, and unless these symptoms are present the drug will not produce them. From a drug whence Physiological Action has been eradicated, it is barbaric ignorance to expect Physiological Action. Homeopathic Mercury will *not* cause diarrhœa. Homeopathic Ipecac will *not* cause vomiting.

CHAMBERS' ENCYCLOPEDIA.

Under the heading "Homeopathy" we have an excellent contrast between the views of the Allopathic and Homeopathic editors. The line of demarkation, showing where the one finished and the other commenced, is almost ludicrously apparent by the sharp change of opinion.

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To the thinking individual (from whom only Homeopathy desires recognition) a few words will prove of interest showing the immeasurable superiority of the system to that lack of system followed by the school of traditional medicine. "Homeopathy does not wish to find fault with the men who still cling to a worn out and dangerous system; it is merely desirous that the better system should be studied and the worst one left behind."

In the public wards of the Montreal Homeopathic Hospital, during the past year, 150 cases have been under treatment, with one death, making a record unparalleled in the hospital history of the Dominion, a death rate of ¾%.

In cholera, which can hardly be classed as a children's disease or "a trifling ailment," the statistics show:

Homeopathic death rate 16.4 per cent.

Aliopathic death rate 59.2 per cent.

Comparative statistics of Homeopathic and Allopathic treatments covering a period of five years, compiled by Dr. Jos. Buchner, of New York.

Allopathic.	Cases.	Death Rate.	Homeopathic.	Cases.	Death Rate.
Erysipelas,	345	23.0	Erysipelas,	349	0.8
Diarrhœa,	316	21.2	Diarrhœa,	310	0.9
Fevers,	1994	5.3	Fevers,	3273	1.2
Typhus,	2373	16.0	Typhus,	2126	13.3
Pleurisy,	51	15.6	Pleurisy,	371	1.3
Infl of B.,	46	41.0	Inflam. of B.	211	6.1
Pneumonia,	309	29.4	Pneumonia,	710	6.3
Dysentery,	447	26.8	Dysentery,	98	7.1
Heart affectn's,	56	51.7	Heart affect'ns,	109	15.5
Apoplexy,	35	48.3	Apoplexy,	21	28.5
Consumption,	247	48.5	Consumption'	502	38.6
Varioloid: (not accurate).			Varioloid,	211	2.8
Scarlatina, (not accurate).			Scarlatina,	102	2.9

If we have succeeded in inducing the reader to make an investigation into the merits of a system which has outlived the sneers of the ignorant the dawn of a brighter day for suffering humanity is at hand.

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The hospital and dispensary are of vital importance to the Homeopathic public. They are the only means by which the Montreal Homeopathic physicians can obtain the wide experience needed to render them efficient and experienced in the ever advancing science of modern Homeopathy. The best of hospital experience is requisite to produce the best work in practice. The public are therefore urged to support the Hospital and Dispensary by contributions to the treasurer, E. G. O'Connor.

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Any medicene not in stock can be pocured at short notice.